

CADET CORPS HAS AN INDOOR RIFLE RANGE

Electric Lights Used in Attic
of Academic Hall for
Target Practice of
R. O. T. C.

SOME GOOD SHOOTING

Will Hold Contest With Other
Schools of District—A
Larger Match Next
Summer.

A rifle range for the students in the R. O. T. C. cadet corps has been provided in the top floor of Academic Hall. Up at a place that even the carpenters forgot to finish there has been arranged a gallery. The shooting is done by means of electric light that is not as bright as it might be, but in spite of all difficulties some remarkable records are made.

The lessons in marksmanship are given as a necessary part of the R. O. T. C. instruction and are included in the courses of all standard government schools. The range work here is conducted under the supervision of Sergeants Benjamin F. Lamaster and Clarence Duncan.

A contest of all the schools in this district will be held during the first part of January. Each school will shoot in its own gallery and the final scores will be compared to decide the winner. A match of all the schools in the United States will be held at Camp Caldwell, N. J., during the summer. A team will be selected from the local contestants and sent to the match. It will probably consist of fifteen men.

Target practice is held from 9:45 to 11:45 o'clock and from 1:45 to 3:45 in the afternoons. A contest is then held each day between selected teams of two companies of five men each. When spring weather permits the practice will be transferred to the 600-yard outdoor range. The rifles used in the indoor shooting are regulation size in every detail with the exception of the bore. They shoot a .22 bullet which is arranged in the large size cartridges. On the outdoor range regulation ammunition will be used.

Shooting is extremely delicate work and to attain proficiency requires long practice and a good physical makeup. Strong eyes and steady nerves only come with a good body.

There is a psychology to shooting as explained by Sergeant Duncan. Given all other conditions, one or two simple rules must be followed if the marksman expects to make a score. One is to press the trigger with a slow easy pull; the other is to hold the breath. Most people are nervous and are inclined to flinch from the shot. In pressing the trigger slowly sudden jumps are avoided, for the marksman does not know at just what time the shell will be exploded. At one moment while holding the breath the nerves will become perfectly quiet. That is the psychological moment to finish the pull of the trigger already begun.

The distance of the gallery shooting is 50 and 75 feet and the scores usually run as high as 48 points out of a possible 50. On the outdoor range the distance will be increased to a hundred yards and the conditions of the shooting will be quite

different.

A five-mile wind blowing from the side will deflect a bullet more than an inch, according to Col. W. E. Persons, commander of the R. O. T. C. unit. Atmospheric conditions, heat and light also affect outdoor shooting. These are the intricate points of the work that can only be mastered by long practice.

LETTERS FROM ARKANSAS

Dean Mumford Receives Compliments for Himself and College.

Dean F. B. Mumford has received the following letter from D. J. Clatworthy: "As a member of the Arkansas legislators' tour who recently visited your institution, I want to thank you, your associates and student body, for your patience and kind reception given us while there."

The following letter was received from J. R. Alexander:

"It has been several days since we returned from our very interesting tour. Our trip was a revelation to many of the members and they are now willing to vote as they never thought possible before leaving home. They could not conceive of the many things you were pointing out by research and teaching the boys and girls of your state. This trip will be the means of advancing our state more than otherwise would have been possible and so I send a sincere thank you to you and your staff."

BELGIANS GIVE NOVEL STUNTS

Festivities Begin on December
6, Lasting Through New
Year's Day.

By R. H. SHEFFIELD

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10 (by mail).—Belgian children get the time of their lives in the last month of the year. First and foremost, there is the feast of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of childhood, on December 6, when from morn to night, the young folk receive gifts from everybody they meet. The day corresponds to the Christmas stocking of the Anglo-Saxon child, although the Belgian juvenile gets also a second edition of presents on Christmas day as well.

In the rural districts, in houses infested with mice, the children on the feast of Saint Nicaise, December 14, write the saint's name over the front door, the re-

sult being, according to the tradition, that the saint will clear the house of mice ere the close of the year.

The shortest day, December 21, is dedicated to Saint Thomas, and confers upon the offspring the right, if they can find the opportunity, to lock up their parents in the cellar or elsewhere, liberating them only on solemn promise of a ransom, which may take the form of remission of punishment, a present, an outing, a holiday, a toy or even a new suit. This custom is very deep-seated, and is in full operation, even in the big cities.

On December 28, which is Innocent's Day, the children have the privilege of wearing their parents' cloths, and adding thereto parental authority. The young people become real bosses, practically taking the place of father and mother, giving orders, and acting generally as masters and mistresses of all the domestic ceremonies.

Christmas in Belgium is more of a religious than a general festival. True, but it is suspended to a large extent, but retail establishments remain open, places of amusement are in full blast, and the only family foregatherings are those that take place at church.

The New Year's Day does the Belgians let himself go right to full bent. But there are no half-measures that day! Bonuses of family visits in the morning, with unlimited lots of spirits at each one of them are followed by a bulky repast of a dozen courses; an afternoon walk, games at cards, or visit to the theater, tea at the house of a relative, and a full

evening's or rather night's jollification at the house of the oldest member of the family. Presents are exchanged on New Year's Eve, after which ceremony it is usual to see the old year out and the new year in, either at church, or at a ball, or at a public or family supper, or even in the relative quietude of the family circle.

Exhausted with the exertions of such a strenuous New Year start, it is but natural that the second day of the year should be kept as a public holiday likewise. Generally speaking, the second of January in Belgium corresponds approximately to Boxing Day in England. Should the day happen to fall on a Monday, no Belgian workman would think of doing any work, however urgent, drinking being the first consideration on the first Monday of the year. It is the one day of all the 365 that drunkenness is anywhere noticeable in this country. Belgians leave church and make a bee-line for the nearest saloon.

Christmas Showme Is Out.

The Christmas issue of the Showme which has been delayed since last Saturday, was issued yesterday. The Showme is full of holiday spirit, poetry, cartoons and drawings. There is also an account of the Thanksgiving football game headed "Lest We Forget." The usual humorous stories and jokes fill the magazine.

Ash trays and smoking stands at New York.

THE CALENDAR

December 25.—Municipal Christmas Festival.

December 25.—Christmas services at Episcopal Church.

December 26.—Christmas services at Presbyterian Church.

December 28-29.—Payment of University registration fees. Registrar's office.

December 31 and January 1.—Registration for the winter term.

January 7.—Debate, Columbia High School and Booneville High School.

January 7-8.—Basketball, Missouri vs. Ames.

January 19-20.—Musical revue, "The Passing Show," auspices St. Mary's Guild.

January 18.—Poultry Show—Boone County Poultry Association.

January 19, 20, 21.—Meeting of Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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for a very merry Christmas
and a happy prosperous New Year.

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